

## PHA Gives GVHC Preferred Status; Members Hear Report, Ask Questions

Over 200 members of the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation heard Dave Krooth, legal counsel, announce that Public Housing Administration has recognized GVHC as a "preferred negotiator" for the purchase of Greenbelt, at last Thursday's quarterly meeting. The news was presented in the form of a letter from PHA Commissioner John Taylor Egan and was greeted with enthusiastic applause by the audience.

In a brief opening statement to the membership, GVHC president Mike Salzman, stated: "The purpose of our organization has been accomplished. Residents will have first preference in purchase of our community." He added that although splinter groups were present, the accomplishment was made possible by the spirit of unity the residents maintained. The announcement by Krooth followed Salzman's remarks and brought to a climax the initial preliminary labors of Greenbelt residents towards purchasing Greenbelt from the government.

Although the closing date for applications to be considered as preferred negotiators is August 7, the recognition of GVHC by PHA virtually assures the housing group of first crack at the purchase of the town.

### Estimate Costs

After considering the sale price and making a study of the housing units, it was announced that the average price for the defense units would be slightly under \$3000 and that the homes in original Greenbelt would sell for approximately \$6000.

Some of the difficulties in negotiations with PHA by GVHC and legal counsel Krooth were explained to the members. The problem of dedicated lands, ownership of the business area, disposition of undeveloped land and certain utilities were explored. The burden of showing financial responsibility to the extent of a ten percent down payment of the purchase price was discussed. In this respect, GVHC was able to present a letter of credit for \$300,000 from a responsible bank to go towards making the down payment. At least 800 residents, 400 of whom are veterans, must make the required down payment to qualify for the purchase.

### Audience Asks

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a question and answer period. Consideration of the proposed by-laws was postponed until the next meeting. Copies were distributed at the door.

Q: Will those who wish to build on the undeveloped land be required to purchase a home in Greenbelt?

A: Yes. It is unfair to saddle new owners with cost of undeveloped land.

Q: Has the board considered replacing certain decrepit homes in the North End?

A: The board is cognizant of the situation. However, it is impossible to consider re-development before all the facts are known.

Q: Will the defense homes last the 25-year lift of the mortgage?

A: The Board is well aware of the complications.

Q: Is there a plan for the undeveloped land in existence now?

A: No.

Q: Will there be graded rents?

A: No.

Q: How will down payments be arranged for those units not wanted?

A: Purchase of all units is probable because of outside interest shown for purchase.

Q: Will veterans be required to make a down payment?

A: Yes. They will still have all the benefits from their VA guarantee.

Q: Will there be a certificate of ownership?

A: No. The Corporation is the legal owner.

Q: Will the Hale Walker plan be followed?

A: Yes, as closely as possible.

J: Will the 12-month lease at present rents offered non-purchasing

## No More Water For Hosing Lawn

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has announced that after July 1, and until further notice, it will be unlawful to use a hose to water the lawn or for any purpose other than family use within a building. It is permissible, however, to use a sprinkling can or bucket to wash cars or to water flowers.

Violators of this state law are subject to arrest and fine.

A spokesman for the Commission pointed out that due to the well-interspersed rains this year, it was unnecessary to issue the restrictions until now, despite the past year's addition of over 5,000 connections to the Commission's system. However, with the advent of warm weather, consumer use of hoses in the suburban area is so extensive that the water consumption has increased to an unusual degree.

Various projects have been completed or are being constructed for reinforcing the Commission's water distribution system in vital points throughout the area. The Commission pointed out, however, that until the construction outlined is completed, the conservation of water in the Sanitary District must be effected to insure that essential water requirements of the area may be met.

## Local Rabbi Elected NAJC Vice-President

Rabbi Morris Sandhaus was elected vice president of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains at the June 27 through 30 convention held at Touro Synagogue, Newport, Rhode Island, oldest synagogue in the United States and kept as a national shrine. The synagogue is maintained by funds bequeathed by Judah Touro, who also contributed \$10,000 toward the building of the Bunker Hill Monument in 1820.

Governor Pastori of Rhode Island, principal speaker at the convention, chose as his subject "Judah Touro, A Great American." The quaint synagogue, whose funds are handled by the state in accordance with Touro's will is surrounded by an artistic wrought iron fence, handmade at the time of the building's founding. During the convention, memorial services for chaplains fallen in war was held in the well-attended synagogue.

Rabbi Sandhaus is also vice-president of the Military Chaplain Association of Washington, of which Rev. Eric T. Braund of Greenbelt's Community Church, is president.

### DETOUR

The road between Greenbelt and Beltsville was closed last week to enable workmen from Beltsville to widen and repair it.

tenants have any effect on the corporation?

A: Probably. It will be discussed and negotiated with PHA at the proper time.

Q: Will purchasers be required to move to units according to family size?

A: No.

## Zerwick Fined \$250 For Assault

A \$250 fine was imposed on Metropolitan Police Pvt. William J. Zerwick, 37, 13-L Ridge, in Hyattsville's Magistrate's court Thursday morning when Samuel Gottesman's charge of assault and battery brought him before Judge Alan Bowie.

Gottesman, who lives at 13-G Ridge, suffered concussion of the brain and other injuries and remained unconscious and bleeding for one hour after Zerwick struck him on June 24. As a result of this attack, and citizens' complaints that one subject to such violent temper should not have a gun in his possession, Zerwick's superior, Capt. Robert V. Murray, assistant chief of D. C. detective, banned him from carrying home his service revolver. Zerwick, who is assigned to the missing persons and investigations squad, was not accused of having attempted to use the revolver at the time of the argument.

Zerwick was severely reprimanded by the judge for having conducted a most brutal assault. He especially castigated him because of his strong responsibility for moral conduct due to his position as officer of the law.

Dr. Hans Wodak testified as a witness as well as physician in the case as to the severity of Gottesman's injuries. Mrs. Lillian K. Eisner served as Gottesman's council of law.

## Local Men Leave For 2 Wk. Training

Five men from Greenbelt are leaving for two weeks training at Fort Miles, Delaware, with the District of Columbia National Guard. The following four are with the 340th anti-aircraft battalion: Tech. Sgt. Austin R. Green, who is an officer on the Greenbelt Police force; Corp. Paul Williams, Corp. Harold Hammersla, and Pfc. James Williams. Staff Sgt. Jim Griggs is a member of the 260th anti-aircraft battalion.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Medical records of the Greenbelt Health Association are to be put into storage. All individuals who wish to have these records transferred to their doctor may do so by having their doctor write to Greenbelt Health Association, P. O. Box 85, Greenbelt, Maryland.

These requests should be sent to the Health Association before August 1, 1950.

## PHA WILL PERMIT LONGER FENCES

Prints showing the areas of grass cutting responsibility have been distributed by the PHA office to the residents of a number of courts in Greenbelt, according to Walter Simon, Community Manager. Prints for additional courts which appear to require clarification of such areas of grass cutting responsibility are now being prepared and will be distributed as they are completed.

In conjunction with this program, PHA has modified its previous policy on fencing permits and will consider applications for longer fences. Any such long fence applications which are approved will require that the fence come to a point three feet from the grass cutting division line. Short fence applications will be processed in the same manner as heretofore. Applications may be received from either the Administration office or the Maintenance office.

## Greenbelt Fourth Features Parade, Carnival, Ball Game, Ends In Rain

By June Ringel

Greenbelt celebrated another safe and sane Fourth of July on Tuesday with enough activity to please everyone. The celebration started off with a parade which lasted most of the morning, and the fireworks and rain wound up the festivities at 9 in the evening. Since only 40 percent of the fireworks were used, the balance will be set off weather permitting, on Friday night.

The town was strangely quiet all day, but there was no letup of activity at the center. The Recreation Department arranged contests which started at 1 p.m. and ended with a baseball game at 8:45. There was also swimming at the pool all afternoon, and last but not least there were the carnival and pony ride. Parents who were otherwise not athletically inclined had plenty of exercise

reaching for money to buy the children balloons and ice cream and paying for rides on the various concessions at the carnival. Since the carnival was held to raise funds to buy new uniforms for the Greenbelt Community Band, they probably felt this exercise was serving a good purpose, and everybody seemed to be having a good time.

### Parade Lasts Hour

Mayor Betty Harrington, other town officials and the parade judges—Col. LeRoy S. Mann of the D. C. National Guard, Capt. Paul W. Stafford of the D. C. Fire Department, and Major Edward H. Welbourne, Jr. of the Maryland National Guard—watched the parade which lasted well over an hour and awarded trophies to the following participants in the parade: The Riverdale Fire Department, for having the largest number of men participating; Capitol Heights Fire Department, for the best-appearing equipment; the Savage Fire Department, for coming the farthest distance; Beltsville for having the oldest piece of fire equipment in service, the "Big Moe"; Glenn Dale, for the best-appearing ambulance and rescue squad; Reese Post and St. Clements Drum and Bugle Corps won for the best appearance; Banning-Sheehey won for having the best-appearing commercial float; Drop-Inn for the best-appearing youth float; and the Greenbelt Woman's Club for the best-appearing civic float.

### Braund, Sandhaus Speak

Rev. Eric T. Braund was the Independence Day speaker and Rabbi Morris A. Sandhaus delivered the benediction.

Prizes were awarded by Recreation Director Sam Fox to the boys, girls, men and women who participated in the various contests in the afternoon.

This year the Greenbelt Community Band was the sponsor of the Fourth of July celebration as well as the carnival. Edward M. Halley, manager of the band, and general chairman of the day's activities, stated that the returns from the carnival seemed to be satisfactory and he hoped that sufficient funds would be raised to take care of the needs of the band.

## Fourth Delays Trash, Brings Shorts Warning

City Manager Charles McDonald announced that the garbage and trash collections were late this week due to the Fourth of July holiday.

He also stated that copies of an ordinance have been posted prohibiting the wearing of shorts, halters, bathing suits, bathrobes or kimonos in the center of town. Police have been warning offenders, and it is hoped a warning will be sufficient.

## Mayor To Lead Talk At State PTA Meet

Mrs. Wells Harrington, first vice-president of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, will lead a round table discussion Monday at 2 p.m. during the summer conference of the Congress, which will be held July 10, 11, and 12 at Central auditorium of the education building at the University of Maryland, in cooperation with the State Education Department.

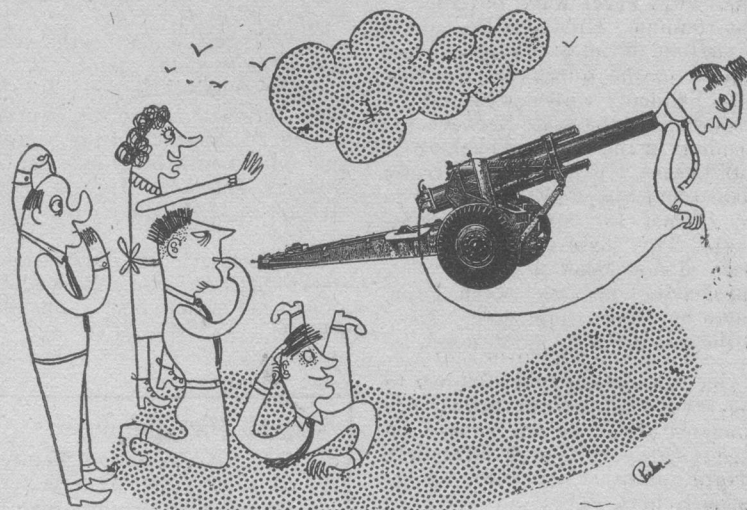
D. H. C. Byrd, president of the university, will give an address Monday morning. Mrs. Emil Smith, president of the Congress, will preside during the morning session.

### LIBRARIAN WANTED

City Manager Charles T. McDonald has announced there is a vacant position as assistant librarian at the Greenbelt Public Library. Applications are now being received at the city office. Qualifications and training of a professional nature are required of the applicant.

### BIKES OFF WALKS

City Manager Charles T. McDonald announced that children have been repeatedly warned against riding bicycles on walks in the center. Further violations will mean the confiscation of their bike licenses. Chief of Police George Pangoulis stated that this is being rigidly enforced since accidents have been barely avoided on many occasions.



"That Sam Fox — he'll do anything to get fireworks on the Fourth of July!"



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## The Rocket's Red Glare

Greenbelt on Independence Day is a source of pride to all residents. The festive spirit that prevailed throughout the day starting with the parade, and later with picnics, swimming, ball games and the carnival was a strong indication that the wholesome American spirit of patriotism mixed with good clean fun is still with us.

It was a day particularly appropriate for families: The kids in the parades, holding balloons, participating in contests, and eating popcorn. The early dinner at the lake, visiting relatives included. The mid-week respite for the bread-winner, and flags and bunting.

Although aware of the ominous rain-clouds slowly approaching the city, residents and visitors from nearby communities flocked to the ball field as darkness neared to witness the fireworks demonstration. And when the storm broke, and the rains forced them to seek shelter, the holiday spirit never diminished. Huddled together, waiting for the rain to stop, there was still a unity of purpose . . . to celebrate the anniversary of our independence.

This year, Independence Day finds our country involved in another war. Another kind of storm has brought us all closer together. The same unity of purpose, to retain our independence and to celebrate it forever, will not be destroyed.

## To The Editor

### BY-LAWS

The proposed GVHC by-laws are loaded in favor of the corporation and board of directors, as I will show in the coming weeks if the Cooperator permits freedom of discussion. They are vague and indefinite in many vital particulars and confer such sweeping powers upon a program of investment and business enterprises wholly unrelated to housing and thereby impair the operating funds and solvency of the corporation—a right essential to demerit higher than necessary. Unlike the city charter, the by-laws do not permit members to examine the books and records of the corporation—a right essential to democratic control. They are utterly devoid of any provision guaranteeing a fair trial of members whom the board of directors decides to evict. These and other deficiencies should be corrected.

B. J. Bordenet

### DANGER

Early Monday morning, June 26, my seven-year-old son Jeffrey went out to play with his friends. Since small boys never walk, but run, he was running. However, he had the misfortune to run over a sewer grate located in the gutter on Eastway hill. Suddenly with no warning he dropped into the grate between the openings in the bars and sank up to both knees. His leg was very badly gashed and the child was rushed to Dr. Eisner for emergency treatment. This involved getting four shots of novocaine, a tetanus shot, and having his leg stitched up. There have been three return visits to the doctors with more ahead.

This same thing could happen to any other child in our town since grates of this type are located on sloping areas all over Greenbelt. Before another child is even more seriously hurt, something should be done to remedy this dangerous situation.

Mrs. Ray Stevens  
2-K Eastway Road

## Personal Touch

By Doris Asbell Mednick

For the many Greenbelters who stayed close to home this past Fourth of July there was more than enough to see and do . . . the parade larger and grander than ever before . . . the out-of-town visitors packing the roads . . . the carnival gayer and gaudier—only the fireworks dwindled to a mere sizzle, through no fault of their own. We'll wager one lady thought a ground rocket was gunning straight for her, watching her take a sprawl running out of its way. For those who would like to see the way it's done, the best lookout was in the yard of St. Hugh's. Here you could get as close to the men who were lighting the rockets as your curiosity demanded. Watching them work was a show in itself, as they deftly lit the rockets, ran from one to another—and set off the ground fireworks that are operated on lines strung between trees.

For the fourth consecutive year, Glenda Haber, 3-C Eastway, age 9, won the prettiest costume prize in the parade. Her mother made this costume, as she does all of Glenda's that she wears on television programs and at other public entertainments.

The Wests, Betty and George, and son, David, 1-B Ridge Road, will be heading North on their vacation for points in New Jersey and New York . . . the Finks, 2-B Hillside Road, and the Kal Tillems, 4-B Gardenway, with the respective children will be vacationing at Fenwick Island for a week where they can take their choice of bay or ocean bathing. Larry and Lee Fink celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary with a dinner, in the company of several friends . . . a triple celebration marking the birthday of Adelaide Weidberg and the wedding anniversaries of the Amihud Kramers and Martin Bickfords was celebrated at the Shoreham Hotel with all parties mentioned on hand.

The Walter Hawleys, 9-F Research Road are hosts of Mr. and Mrs. Michiels, of Brooklyn, New York for their two-weeks vacation.

The two men were G.I. buddies in training and saw overseas duty together. They each boast two children apiece! . . . Nelson Holton, 15-T Laurel Hill, entertained James Keough and his family on the Fourth. Their friendship began in the service. The John Rowes, 3-C Gardenway, have been busy with a houseful of company: Mrs. Howe's two brothers and their wives—the George and Jerry Antos of Long Island, New York, Mrs. Howe's mother, Mrs. John Antos, also of Long Island . . . a sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jhn Zucka of Akron, Ohio. Then the Howes will pay a visit to their relatives in New York, sort of paying them back, so to speak.

The Burke L. O'Neils, 8-E Plateau became the proud parents of an 8 lb. 13 oz. daughter who will be known as Patricia Diane . . . the Joseph T. Haslingers, 14-V Ridge announce the birth of their eighth child, a boy.

Maureen O'Meara, 13, of 11-E Ridge Road is in a hospital in Baltimore undergoing a series of operations and would like to hear from her many Greenbelt friends. The address is Childrens' Hospital, Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Better still, why don't you pay her a visit—it's a short trip. She will be there for about 10 weeks. So help to make the time fly for her.

## To My Wife

By Harry M. Zubkoff

I wish I had two sets of hands, Another body too, So I could do the things I planned Before I married you.

Then even though I work quite late, I'd still be home, my dear, While one of me would be away The other would be here.

But inasmuch as that's a dream, A wild, fantastic caper, I'll split my time; in loving you, And working on this paper.

Character is wat you are—reputation is what you get caught at.

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Saturday: Confessions, 3 to 5 p.m. for children, 7:30 to 9:30 for adults.

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This Sunday is Holy Communion Sunday for the Holy Name Society at the 7:30 Mass.

Saturday, July 8: Trip for ladies of the parish to the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Anyone interested should contact Mrs. Dora White, Greenbelt 7893.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Phone SHepherd 0035

Russell B. Reed, Minister

Saturday, July 8 - The Intermediate Girls (Mrs. Reed's Class) will meet at the church at 2 p.m. to go to Glen Echo.

Sunday, July 9, - Sunday School 9:45. Classes for each age group. Special Church service 11 a.m. Rev. Chas R. Strausburg will celebrate his fiftieth year in the Ministry with a special Anniversary Service using the same order of worship he used in 1900. He will tell of his outstanding experiences both humorous and otherwise. We extend a cordial invitation to everyone to celebrate this anniversary with Rev. Strausburg.

Tuesday, July 11 - The members and friends of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are invited to meet with the Branchville Society to hear Mrs. Minna Davidovich from the Israeli Embassy speak on the Jewish Problem. Time 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 12 - The Official Board will meet in the church at 8:30 p.m.

## PENNSYLVANIA CO-OP SETS NEW RECORDS

Pennsylvania farmers used the services of their Farm Bureau Cooperatives to a greater degree in 1949 than at any time in the history of the association, reports H. S. Agster, general manager.

The cooperative with headquarters here grossed more than \$28 million in sales during 1949, Agster reports. This figure tops all previous records, exceeding 1948 volume by \$180,000. Marketing operations at the same time topped \$2 million to push the grand total to more than \$20,316,000.

Net margins for the year amounted to \$639,182, making net savings for the past 15 years more than \$3 million to Pennsylvania farmers. More than \$1½ million has been rebated during this time on purchases while another half million has been paid in stock dividends, revenue farmers would not have received from other types of farm businesses.

Increases were made in practically every division of the association, Agster reports. The county Farm Bureau Co-ops dealing with the regional wholesale handle feed, seed, fertilizer, baby chicks farm machinery, electrical goods and other equipment. The wholesale, in turn, owns or partly owns its main office building, three hatcheries a poultry breeding farm, Unico barn equipment and paint plants, Alliance, Ohio; National Farm Machinery Cooperative, Bellevue Ohio; Select Seeds plant, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Co-op Fertilizer service plant, Baltimore, Md.; Co-op Mills feed plant, Cincinnati; Farm Bureau Feed Mill, Manheim, Pa.; a fleet of trucks and warehouses at Greensburg and Florin. A petroleum refinery in Texas City, Tex., is jointly owned by the co-op, two other co-ops and an independent company.

## GCS Buys Ice Machine

The Greenbelt Co-op has purchased an ice-making machine, with which GCS will soon be making its own flake ice from cold, fresh, unchlorinated water from its own well. The flake ice will supply the needs of the Co-op's supermarket and its drug store lunch department, at a saving which will repay the cost of the machine in about two years. Completely automatic, the machine will assure sanitary and attractive flake ice. Last summer GCS used about 1,500 pounds of flake ice per day.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Ministers

Rev. Edward H. Bonsall, Jr.  
Phone: 8241  
Rev. Eric T. Braund  
Phone: 5001

Thursday, July 6 - 8 p.m., Board of Trustees meet in church office. 7 p.m., St. Cecilia choir rehearsal. 8 p.m., Cloister choir rehearsal.

Saturday, July 8 - 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bake sale given by the Community Church in the Center. Proceeds for music and robes for the choir.

Sunday, July 9 - 8:45 a.m., Morning worship. Music by Cloister choir; Sunday church school for nursery, beginners and primary departments. 9:50 a.m., Church school for junior, intermediate (junior high), senior high departments, and for young people's, men's and women's Bible classes. 11 a.m., Morning worship. Music by Senior choir. Church school as at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Bonsall will preach at both services. 8 p.m., Board of Deacons meet at church.

Tuesday, July 11 - 7 p.m., Senior high, college choir rehearsal.

Wednesday, July 12 - 8:15 p.m., senior choir rehearsal.

Thursday, July 13 - 7 p.m., St. Cecilia choir rehearsal; 8 p.m. Cloister choir rehearsal.

Vacation Bible school meets daily 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the church. Students enrolled from age 4 through 6th grade.

Summer conferences approaching (July 17-24, college age men and women) (Kanestake); (July 25-August 5, junior high girls) (Kanestake). Last call - See Mr. Bonsall THIS week or Sunday.

## GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edwin E. Pieplow, Pastor  
Phone WARfield 0942

Friday, July 7 - Lydia Guild meets in the home of Mrs. Emmett Grunert, 7-G Plateau, 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 9 - Sunday School, 12:30 - Adult Bible Class, 12 noon. Church service with Holy Communion, 12:30.

8:30 p.m., International Lutheran Hour presents the Concordia Seminary Lutheran Hour Chorus of St. Louis, Missouri, in concert at the First Congregational Church, 10 & G Sts., N.W. A freewill offering will be received.

Monday, July 10 - Due to a mistake on our part, Vacation Bible School was announced as starting last Monday. It begins today at Trinity Lutheran School, 38th & Longfellow Streets in Hyattsville. The bus will pick up passengers at 8:30 a.m. on Crescent Road. Children from 3 - 14 may attend. Sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon. The program includes Bible studies, handicraft projects, action songs motion pictures on Bible narratives, educational features, travelogues and comedies. Bus fare is 10 cents round trip. A freewill offering will be taken daily to defray expenses.

Monday, July 10 - p.m., Quarterly voters meeting will be held in the Mt. Rainier Church.

## Falls Church Project Purchased By Co-op

On June 15 the Hillwood Square Mutual Association purchased the 160-unit Hillwood Square Housinb Project from the Government for \$468,000. Two months before the Co-op had contracted to complete the purchase by June 15. The transaction was completed and the Government received the \$468,000 exactly on schedule.

About one-third of the persons in residence on March 15, when the initial contract was signed, purchased their units. New members of the Co-op, who joined to purchase units not taken by residents, are assured of occupancy within 90 days after June 15. Of the total purchase price, about \$421,000 was provided by an insurance company on a first trust mortgage and the remaining \$47,000 was paid by the Co-op from down payments of members. After closing the purchase the Co-op had over \$11,000 on hand, placing it in an excellent position to start operating the project. The Hewitt Properties Management Corp. (STERling 2363) is serving as managing agent for the Co-op, and will welcome calls from families interested in getting on the Co-op's waiting list.



## YOUR DOLLAR

YOUR DOLLAR is a digest of articles appearing in CONSUMER REPORTS (the monthly magazine published by Consumers Union, 38 E. First Street, N. Y. 3, and available by individual subscription). Product ratings are based on unbiased laboratory tests on samples purchased by Consumers Union in the open market.

### COLOR TELEVISION

Owners of TV receivers can enjoy color reception on their present sets this fall if the Federal Communications Commission approves the CBS color system recently demonstrated to it, says Consumers Union in the current issue of CONSUMER REPORTS. In public demonstrations as well as in demonstrations before the Federal Communications Commission, the CBS system offered a full-color picture which could be viewed on present black-and-white receivers by means of a simple converter. The cost of adapting present sets, according to CONSUMER REPORTS, should not be more than \$25 to \$90. Consumers Union believes that industry opposition to the prompt introduction of color television is based not on technical problems, but largely on its desire to sell everyone a black-and-white receiver now and a new color receiver some years hence. Consumers Union is satisfied that the CBS system is far superior to other systems that have been proposed, and to black-and-white television, and that the FCC should adopt the CBS system now.

### PREVIEW OF THE 1951 KAISER LINE

Some new things have been added to the Kaiser automobile, and in the opinion of Consumers Union's automotive consultants, they look like improvements. The 1951 Kaiser just coming off the assembly line, is a brand new car, and a generally handsome one, according to the current issue of CONSUMER REPORTS. It has maximum forward and downward vision, wide but low seats, a wide shallow trunk, oversize brakes and a short turning radius. CU consultants' preliminary observation of display models leads them to the conclusion that the car should give good gas mileage, be comfortable to ride in and maneuverable to drive. Consumers Union will road-test the car when it becomes available.

### TV BOOSTERS

If your television set is giving unsatisfactory service because you are too far away from the transmitting station, a good booster (pre-amplifier) may improve the picture you get; but even the boosters which showed up best in Consumers Union's tests will prove useless in some situations. A booster may make possible a picture from a station you formerly couldn't bring in at all. It may improve a previously weak picture. It may give satisfactory pictures with an indoor antenna where otherwise you would need one on the roof. But, according to CONSUMER REPORTS, none of these results can be definitely predicted for any particular set and location, since they depend on location, type of set and antenna and other factors. Therefore, don't buy a booster without a money-back guarantee.

### DRIED BEANS, PEAS, LENTILS

The dried legumes—lentils, split peas and dried limas—are good food bargains, according to CONSUMER REPORTS. They are inexpensive, and they are also an excellent source of protein. Used as a supplement to meat and dairy products, they provide a nutritionally safe means of cutting corners on food bills. Many of the 92 brands graded for Consumers Union by U. S. Department of Agriculture graders were judged to meet top quality standards.

Among U. S. No. 1 (top grade) green split peas were Overland, 11c; Fred Meyer, 25c (2 lb.); Blue Boy, 12c; Sunnyfield, 12c; Bohack's Best, 13c. U. S. No. 1 (top grade) yellow split peas included: Blue Boy, 12c; Sunnyfield, 12c; Bohack's Best, 13c; Sun Dried, 13c. U. S. Extra No. 1 (top grade) baby lima beans included: Fred Meyer, 27c (2 lb.); Certified, 15c; Blue Boy Fancy, 16c; Venus, 16c. Among U. S. No. 1 (no brand met U. S. Extra No. 1 or top grade standards) lima beans were: Fred Meyer, 37c (2 lb.); Sunny

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## Veterans News

Veterans Administration and the Federal Housing Administration have taken joint action to eliminate excessive fees and charges in connection with the construction of housing financed with the aid of Government guarantees or insurance under the GI Bill and the National Housing Act, it was announced today.

Acting under authority recently granted in the Housing Act of 1950, FHA Commissioner Franklin D. Richards and VA Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., have established limitations on such charges, effective July 17, 1950.

In setting the schedule of maximum fees, both agencies worked closely with Administrator Raymond M. Foley, of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

The new regulations apply both to construction loans and the permanent financing of new homes with credit aids provided by GI loans guaranteed by VA, or FHA insured loans. A certificate will be required from the builder or the lender, and in some cases from both, that no fees in excess of the maximums have been paid or imposed.

The new regulations will apply only to applications for VA's reasonable value or for FHA commitments received in VA or FHA offices or after July 17, 1950.

### Five Per Cent Interest

The maximum interest rate on construction money advanced to builders under the schedule is set at five per cent. In addition, the lender making the construction loan will be permitted to charge up to 2½ per cent of the amount of the funds advanced as a service charge to cover costs of supervision, making periodic advances, clearance of liens, and other overhead.

Where the lender financing the construction also finances the mortgage loan of the purchaser, no additional service charge in connection with the latter loan is permitted. Where the permanent loan is made by a lender other than the institution advancing the construction loan, a flat fee previously authorized, which may not exceed one per cent, will continue to be allowed.

In addition to the permissible service charge, the builder also may be required to pay certain other miscellaneous expenses, such as recording fees and those paid for appraisals and inspections. In announcing the new fee schedule, Commissioner Richards and Administrator Gray said that excessive charges in connection with construction loans for FHA and VA financed housing had become a serious problem in some areas of the country. The new restrictions are intended to curb such practices.

## SAFE PICNICS

Outdoor picnics are among the more popular summer diversions. Eating out-of-doors on a pleasant summer day seems to make the food taste better. Moreover, the picnic is one summer "sport" in which the entire family can participate, regardless of age or physical endurance.

Anyone would scoff at the idea that picnics can be unsanitary or downright dangerous. That's going to extremes. But, on the other hand, we must realize that the intrusion of ants and insects or a sudden rainstorm aren't the only things that might ruin the fun of picnicking.

The food supply is, of course, the most important part of any picnic. People who are ill should never prepare or serve the food because skin infections and other illnesses are easily spread through food. Foods which can spoil easily and thus cause illness should be kept out of the picnic basket.

While on the subject of food, it's unwise to "sample" the pretty but unfamiliar berries on trees and shrubs which grow in picnic areas. Most of these berries are harmless, but there are some poisonous ones which can do serious harm to the eaters.

Most people realize that it is dangerous to drink from unknown streams or brooks. But temptation might be strong to "take a chance" if the drinks run out during or after the picnic. It must be remembered that the most innocent looking streams can be contaminated by deadly germs. Drinking water should be brought from home unless there is a pure water supply in or around the picnic grounds.

It has often been said that the best picnic grounds are always surrounded by poisonous plants. While this is not literally true, it's a good idea to watch out for poison ivy, oak or sumac before "setting the table."

Minor wounds—insect bites, cuts from bottle openers, scratches from brambles—seem to be a part of many picnics. No matter how small the scrape might be, it is wise to cleanse the affected area with a mild soap and apply an antiseptic salve or lotion, to prevent infection, as soon as possible.

For all serious "picnic accidents," or minor ones which might lead to complications, the doctor should be consulted immediately.

Summer picnics are designed for fun and relaxation. They always are (barring insects and rain) when participants use a little thought in preparing the food, selecting the spot, and guarding against accident and infection.

## The Red Cross Needs Motor Service Drivers

The Hyattsville chapter of the American Red Cross is badly in need of more volunteers—especially Motor Service drivers.

Mrs. William Bowie, Chairman of Volunteer Services, is inaugurating a recruitment drive this month to obtain the necessary volunteers to do the work of the Red Cross in the county.

A lecture in motor mechanics and safe driving will be held at the chapter house. If you hold a Maryland Driver's license, Mrs. Bowie will be glad to register you. Assignments are interesting and varied, such as driving children to hospital clinics, driving hospitalized servicemen to games and entertainments, bringing entertainers to hospitals and helping with chapter driving at Bloodmobile and home service calls.

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## TB Must Be Detected By X-Raying "Healthy"

By Md. Tuberculosis Assn.

Tuberculosis is today one of the most serious public health problems in this country. It takes close to 45,000 American lives each year, and is the leading disease-killer among young people between the ages of 15 and 34.

Moreover, of the estimated half-million people in the United States suffering from tuberculosis, about 250,000 are not receiving treatment for their illness and most of them do not even realize they are ill. Since tuberculosis has no obvious symptoms in an early stage, thousands of citizens, unaware that they have this communicable disease, are living, working, and playing among healthy neighbors, and may be losing their own health and innocently spreading their illness.

Who are these people who unintentionally may be endangering their own lives and the health of those with whom they associate? There is no way of "typing" the kind of person who might have tuberculosis, because the disease may strike anyone—men, women, and even children; rich and poor; old and young; laborer and professional worker.

But steps can be taken to protect people against the insidious way in which tuberculosis attacks. These "unknown cases" of tuberculosis must be found and placed under treatment, and they can be found. A dependable "detective" is the chest X-ray which can show up evidence of tuberculosis even in an early stage before symptoms appear.

Since early tuberculosis has no obvious symptoms, the unknown cases must be sought among the apparently healthy, and the chest X-ray is the first step in that search.

Groups of seemingly healthy people are today receiving chest X-rays in communities all over the nation to check the health of their lungs. Fortunately, many people learn the facts about tuberculosis during these X-ray surveys and form the excellent habit of getting periodic chest X-rays since the diseases can strike at any time.

A diagnosis of tuberculosis is never made from a single X-ray. Suspicious signs of the disease call for other tests before tuberculosis can be diagnosed. But the X-ray is an important first step in finding the disease and in finding it early, while the victim still has the best chance of cure, revealed on X-ray.

## Cubs Enjoy Lake Picnic

The annual picnic of Cub Pack No. 202 was held at the Greenbelt Lake on June 28. Den 8 put on a skit with Robert Wilkinson, Ronnie Newman and David Sanders.

Den 9, with Denmaster Burke Horton describing the procedure, made a rope from binder twine that proved to be quite strong. This is one of the requirements for the Lion badge in Cubbing, and incidentally, one of the most difficult.

Den 8 won the attendance and honor flags.

Tuesday night softball practices will be continued until the games scheduled with Pack 229 have been played on July 8 and July 22.

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## That Feller Teller Lands In Clip Joint

By Willie Teller

I don't care what it looks like, my wife did not give me this haircut! My regular barber, Pietro, is responsible for these shorn locks and he did not use (1) a soup bowl, (2) a razor-sharp egg beater, or (3) a king-size pencil sharpener. Nor is he angry at me. In fact, we are the best of friends; which is where the responsibility for my San Quentin coiffure lies.

Last year I moved into Jerryville with my family. The furniture was placed and replaced the proper number of times and the rug was tugged, stretched, and coaxed into its rightful position . . . over the rug pad on all four sides. It was only after the sixth time my wife addressed me as Samson that I understood she was not referring to my prowess as a bookcase bulldozer. I needed a haircut.

The Jerryville Barber Shop has three chairs and three barbers. When I arrived for my initial shearing, there was one chair vacant. I seated myself immediately. How fortunate, I felt, not having to wait my turn.

"Have you come for an estimate?" a voice behind me said.

This was Pietro. I spent a delightful twenty minutes in that chair. Pietro and I became fast friends. We told our favorite stories and I picked up more gossip than an investigator for a congressional committee. What's more, we both had relatives in Winthrop, Massachusetts!

Our bond of friendship was signed, sealed and powdered with Lilac Talc. As I left for home I thought that having your hair cut by Pietro was sheer delight.

When I walked into my living room, my wife paled, the children whimpered, and Spot growled, whined and dashed for the cellar door. Everyone stared at my head. Was an ear missing? I put both hands to my ears and sighed with relief when I found them intact. Was my throat cut? My nose sliced off? A quick inventory disclosed no missing parts.

"What's wrong?" I demanded.

My son grasped his mother's arm, "Mother! Daddy's been scalped!"

"What have they done to your head?" my wife inquired. "You picked a fine time to be initiated into a lodge."

"Tell me the name of the critter what done it to you, Dad, and I'll revenge you," my son called.

The mirror disclosed a haircut that would put a French poodle in despair. I was clipped and snipped, but good. My locks were tufted like a chenille bath-mat. There was a ring around my scalp that made the top of my head look like an oasis of fuzz. It was beyond repair. Only time and healthy follicles could undo what Pietro done.

But memory is short when hair is long.

Naturally, I resolved never to let that happen again. We all make mistakes; and they don't put erasers on combs.

I have returned to the Jerryville Barber shop numerous times. Often there were seven customers before me. Sometimes two. On occasion I could be seated immediately. Call it what you may; Fate, Kismet, a Wicked Childhood, or a Curse handed down from generations. I always wind up with Pietro.

It was uncanny. I just couldn't get him out of my hair.

There are others who have fallen victim to the sinister barberism of Pietro. But their evasive tactics

## Contributors Corner

### FROGS AT SCHOOL

Twenty Froggies went to school,  
Down beside a rushy pool,  
Twenty coats of green,  
Twenty vests all white and clean.

We must be in time they said,  
This is how we keep the rule,  
First we study, then we play,  
When we Froggies go to school.

Master Bull-frog, grave and stern,  
Calls the classes in their turn,  
Teaches them to nobly strive,

From his seat upon the log,  
Shows them how to say "Ker-choo,"

And how to dodge a blow,  
That bad boys throw.

Twenty Frogs grew up—they grow fast,

Bull-frogs they became at last,  
Not one "dunce among the lot,  
Not one lesson they forgot.

Polished to a high degree,  
As each Froggie ought to be,

Now they sit on many logs  
Likewise how to leap and dive

Teaching other little frogs.

Maude L. Newman  
3-D Crescent Road

Maude L. Newman is this week's winner of two tickets to the Greenbelt Theater for this poem.

### GCS Has British Bikes

The Greenbelt Co-op has received a small shipment of excellent English bicycles, with such outstanding features as Sturmey-Archer 3-speed gears, finger-control 2-wheel safety brakes, and strong, lightweight construction. The bicycles were received directly from the Cooperative Wholesale Society, one of England's largest bicycle manufacturers. GCS sells the bikes for \$49.50, or, on advance orders with delivery in about 60 days, for \$44.50. The usual price for bicycles of similar construction is about \$60.00. For information phone GCS at TOWER 5700 or Greenbelt 2231, or stop in at the Greenbelt Variety Store, where the bikes are on display.

are my downfall. How can I, the buddy-buddy of this tontorial terror, embarrass him by requesting another barber? We've laughed at jokes together; we have relatives in Winthrop; we both dislike Godfrey. Can kinship be any closer?

I sit in the rattan chair awaiting my turn. Counting the customers and watching the slow progression of haircutting; figuring my turn to a certainty. This time I will miss Pietro! I am destined for chair number 1! With renewed faith, I begin to believe that all things are possible. Besides, all the elements of chance and the laws of probabilities have pushed the odds to a sure thing.

Pietro has finished with his customer, and there is still one ahead of me. Pietro waits, but no one stirs. I turn to the gentleman at my side.

"It is your next, sir."

"That is quite all right, you may go ahead of me," he answers.

"Oh, not at all. It's your turn."

"I don't mind waiting."

"But you must go! It's your turn."

"I prefer to wait for the other barber," he says. As simply as that.

Pietro is smiling at me, waving his hand at his chair. I rise. The room swims as a tear moistens my eye. My breathing is difficult; I brace my shoulders back. It is like a dream. With intense determination I take one step; then another. Soon I am seated. The scissors snap, the comb clicks, and hair falls gently, caressingly, and with



"We'll come back Friday to see the fireworks."

### Co-op Department Store

PRINTERS' INK, nationally known magazine of the advertising trade, paid tribute to America's first cooperative department store in a feature article in its June 16 issue.

Joseph Reiss, president of Reiss Advertising, author of a study of shopping centers, described the Shirlington Cooperative - the E. A. Filene Department Store - as "an impressive success."

The PRINTER'S INK article quoted Kingsley Higgins, general manager of the co-op, as declaring: "No shopping center can succeed without a department store. Many developers are not merchandise-minded enough when they plan a center with a super market as the central No. 1 store." He maintained that a super market does not draw enough traffic for the other stores to meet their needs. He pointed out that "there is no need to fear the competition of over-lapping lines. Customers like to compare merchandise before they buy. When they can make this comparison quickly in a shopping center, they return to what they think is the best value. If they find an item in only one store they may wait until they go downtown so that they can make a comparison."

Higgins noted that the hardware department in the co-op had not reached its full stride, but when a small rival hardware store was opened down the street, the co-op volume doubled and the hardware merchant himself is prosperous.

It is interesting to note that the co-op manager is president of the Shirlington Businessmen's Association, made up of the executives of 48 stores located in the shopping center just a few minutes from the heart of Washington.

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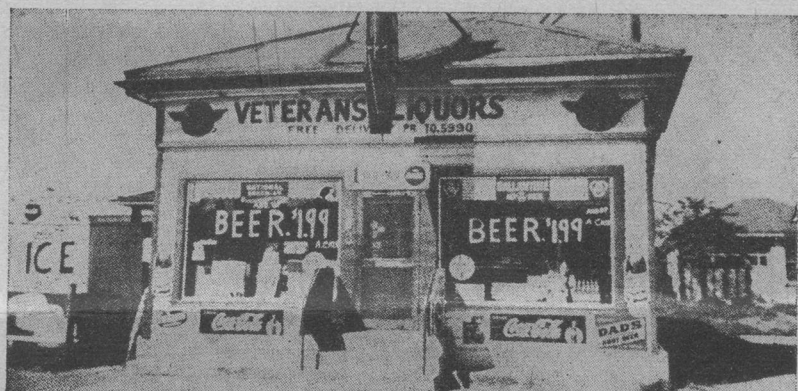
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